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From: Paul Elm
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To: Jill Bastow
Cc: Paul Dean
Subject: NYM/2018/0835/OU - Fox Hounds Farm, High Kilburn

Hello Jill

I have been in discussion with my clients in connection with the comment made by Simon Bassingdale in connection with the above application.

It seems odd that Mr Bassingdale has taken approximately three months to make this comment, apparently he was approached by the Parish Council to comment on the matter.

My clients are not aware that Mr Bassingdale has been on site in the recent past. However, both you and Chris France have walked along the access track and through the yard. During the meeting last week I walked along the access track, round the farmyard, and across adjacent fields in ordinary shoes without too much difficulty. I am sure that 'proper' walkers would be better equipped.

We disagree with Mr Bassingdale where he comments that "Introducing domestic traffic to this existing situation will potentially further deteriorate the public amenity of the public rights of way in this area". We feel that having a house at the site will reduce the amount of agricultural traffic as Mr Dean will be able to walk to the yard rather than drive there from Oldstead several times a day. Any light, domestic traffic over the track would have no adverse impact on its condition. Over the years access to the unit has been improved with a concrete pad where it joins the county road. The track itself has a hard cored base and an even surface.

Mr Bassingdale mentions "walking through the farm", but there is no public right of way

"through" the farm. The footpaths skirt the unit.

I do not feel that a "management plan for managing the public rights of way in this location" is necessary. At the site meeting Chris France was made aware of problems with walkers often leaving gates unsecured so that stock can wander off, and damage to fences adjacent to a stile allowing walkers' dogs through, and sheep out.

We do not consider Mr Bassingdale's comments as relevant to the determination of the application, and trust that you will be able to proceed to a delegated decision.

Should you have any query on the matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Paul Elm

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